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# Press Release

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### **Dr. Barry Locke to Join the Attorney General Darrell McGraw's Citizens Advisory Committee**

Charleston – Attorney General Darrell McGraw today announced the addition of Dr. Barry Locke to the Citizens Advisory Committee. The committee is made up of approximately thirty-five active community members from around the state. The Citizens Advisory Committee was formed by Attorney General Darrell McGraw in March, 2007 to strengthen and expand consumer protection throughout West Virginia by seeking input from citizens from around the state.

Other members include: Mr. Sterling Ball, a union officer and member of AFL-CIO; Ms. Virginia Barnette, self-employed; Mr. Bob Brown, is the Chair of the West Virginia Public Employee Grievance Board; Mr. William Cook, an executive director; Kelly Davis, Executive Director of Mountain CAP; Mr. Charles Delauder, a teacher and President of the West Virginia Education Association; Mr. Corley Dennison, IV, a community activist in Clarksburg; Ms. Letha Dent, a child care employee; Ms. Kathi Ferrebee, an insurance salesperson; Mr. Michael Gissy, Sherriff of Lewis County; Mr. David Gobel, the Taylor County Commissioner and manager of Gobels Towing; Mr. Michael Hagg, an assistant executive director; Ms. Judy Hales, President of the American Federation of Teachers in West Virginia; Mr. Dave Houser, a craftsman; Mr. Edward Knotts, a teacher; Mr. David Lyle, self-employed; Mr. Kenneth Mattson, a farrier; Mr. Robert Mayhew, a car dealer; Mr. Thomas McCulloch, an attorney; Mr. Jon McKinney, a barber; Ms. Tanya Musick, a registered nurse; Ms. Pam Neal, a family nurse practitioner; Mr. Larry Nelson, a program director; Mr. Leon Newman, a retiree of Kanawha County; Ms. Diane Parker, an assistant business manager; Mr. John Pyles, the Monongalia County Commissioner; Mr. Martin Shaffer, a businessman; Ms. Carmen Silliman, a retiree of Hardy County; Mr. Nelson Spencer, a school administrator; Ms. Natalie Stone, the Executive Director of North Central West Virginia Building and Construction Trade Council; Mr. Charles Terry, an employee of AEP Power; Ms. Susan Tucker; Ms. Ruth Wagner, the AARP State President; and Mr. Peter Wilson, a retiree of Jefferson County.

Dr. Locke has served as an Associate Professor of Social Work at West Virginia University for the past 34 years. He teaches in the areas of social welfare policy and rural community issues. Prior to joining the faculty at WVU he served as a public welfare social work professional in north central West Virginia. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia National Association of Social Workers, the Alliance for sustainable Families and the National Rural Social Work Caucus.

Dr. Locke resides in Shinnston with his wife and is active with the church and serves on the Museum Board. He holds degrees from Fairmont State University, Virginia Commonwealth University and West Virginia University.

To contact the Consumer Advocate or Citizen Advisory member in your community, contact Amy Saunders, Consumer Coordinator for the Office of the West Virginia Attorney General at 304-558-2021.

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